

**VIRGINIA:**

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, May 25, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

**PRESENT:**

Joe W. Derting, Chairman  
 Bobby D. Ingle  
 John B. Roberts, Sr.  
 Dulcie M. Mumpower

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator  
 Sandra M. Hatfield, CPS, Administrative Supervisor

**ABSENT:**

Jack Barker, Vice Chairman  
 Kenneth G. Mathews  
 James T. Osborne

John A. Martin, County Attorney  
 Mark W. Seamon, Accounting/Purchasing Manager

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1. **Call to Order**

The recessed meeting was called to order by Mr. Joe W. Derting, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. **Presentation on Regional Jail Facilities by Thompson & Litton, Engineers**

Chairman Derting called the recessed meeting to order explaining the purpose is to meet with a representative of Thompson & Litton who will present information relative to the feasibility and operation of regional jails. Mr. Derting stated it is the intent of the Board to become better informed about the possibility of establishing a regional jail.

Present from Thompson & Litton was William King, Vice President of Project Management. Mr. King opened his presentation by providing several prepared questions with responses to consider relative to a regional jail project. Also provided was data pertaining to existing regional jail facilities in Virginia; rated capacities and per diems of regional jails in Virginia; information on how regional jails operate; elements of a typical jail authority program; Virginia Department of Corrections/Compensation Board Reimbursement highlights; financing; process to develop a state approved regional jail project, a project schedule; keys to a successful regional jail project.

To illustrate a regional jail project, Mr. King used the model of the New River Valley Regional Jail, providing a diagram of the floor plan, overviews of the facility, and photographs of the interior.

In speaking to the question of How Regional Jails Operate, Mr. King emphasized a minimum of three localities are required to join together to establish a regional jail authority. Throughout the planning and building phases, he stressed there is a high degree of education required and is a key element.

Discussion ensued with Supervisors focussing on the development and operations cost savings to the taxpayer by jurisdictions joining together to build a regional jail.

(Mr. Barker arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Chairman Derting recognized Russell County Administrator, Jim Gillespie, who was present in the audience. Mr. Gillespie encouraged the Board to pursue assessing interest for a regional jail. He commented there is a need for a new jail in his jurisdiction, and that the cost to build a jail facility is very expensive. He conveyed the interest of the Russell County Sheriff in seeking out information on a regional jail.

Chairman Derting expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. King for his presentation.

3. **Adjournment**

*On motion of Mr. Ingle, second by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.*

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (5-0)*

<i>Mr. Derting</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Mr. Barker</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Mr. Ingle</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Roberts</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Mrs. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>		

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Joe W. Derting, Chairman